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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Cartography Division
Chief, Geography Division
Chief, Photo Intelligence Division
Chief, Map Library Division

SUBJECT: Ready-Reserve Listing

REFERENCE: ORR Contribution to DD/I War Plan, 31 October 1955

1. The capacity of the Geographic Research Area to perform adequately in a wartime situation depends to a great extent on its ability to recruit additional personnel quickly. If we anticipate increased loads, we must program the means of carrying them. The problem is that many agencies of the government face comparable obligations and, in the absence of priority determinations, recruitment during a national emergency is likely to be a highly competitive affair.

2. I am inclined to feel that our present listing of non-governmental geographic personnel, prepared in 1955 for the ORR War Plan, is both outdated and insufficiently thought out for the quick, selective recruitment of geographers, cartographers, photo interpreters, and map librarians we would require in wartime. I have in mind a list which would be revised automatically once each year and which would be more truly selective than is the existing list. With such a list, we should be in a position not only to undertake rapid recruitment, but to have more assurance of optimum results.

3. I propose that a new Ready-Reserve List -- consisting of area and topical sub-lists for geographic, cartographic, photo intelligence and map librarian personnel at the professional level -- be developed by the Area, using the following procedures:

a. Branch Chiefs of Geography, Cartography, Map Library, and Photo Intelligence Divisions will prepare gross lists of non-governmental geographers, cartographers, photo interpreters, and map librarians who are suitable for their area or topical requirements. The AAG register and other sources will be referred to as necessary.

b. These lists will be reviewed by each Division Chief to resolve duplications and add further nominations as appropriate.

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c. The Chief, Geographic Research Area, will further review the lists and, where possible, coordinate the names with the Office of Security for the purpose of securing a limited security check.

d. The resulting net list will be finalized and filed in the Office of the Chief, Geographic Research Area.

e. Each sub-listing will be returned to the Branch concerned once each year for review and revision.

4. It is requested that you prepare comments on this proposal for the next Area Staff Meeting.

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